

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A container for holding paint or other liquids, including consumable liquids such as fruit juices and drinking water. It is an improved version of the can described in US Patent 5,855,304. A container body has a main opening large enough to permit passage of large paintbrushes or sprayer suction lines and filters. This opening is covered with a large cap that comprises a bayonet-type seal. Special features in the cap and in the body combine to provide a swivel pour valve permitting contents of the container to be poured from the can in a controlled manner with no spillage or mess. The cap has a close position, a remove-replace position and a pour position. A sealed-closed position is achieved with cap rotation in a first rotation direction from a first cap remove-replace position and the pour position is achieved by cap rotation in the same rotation direction from a second cap remove-replace position. Preferably a pour vent is provided. It could be covered with a threaded screw or snap-on cover. The vent also provides a place to add color or additives. The vent may also be located in the cap or the body. In preferred embodiments, a removable soft round hand-bail is provided. In preferred embodiments a space under the can is provided for storing the cap when the can is being used so the cap does not make a mess, and so it cannot be stepped on. The container preferably has an approximately rectangular, hexagonal or square bottom with rounded corners and rectangular sides with rounded corners. In preferred embodiments it is a locking seal with a release tab for a close position and a pour position. Special features make the can securely stackable without orientation providing space savings of about 20 percent as compared to round metal cans. The can is preferably made of plastic materials that eliminate problems of rust, other corrosion problems and problems associated with paint adhering to can surfaces. The body of the container could also be made of metal or glass.